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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Hiroyuki TAJIRI et al.**

Art Unit: **1623**

Application Number: **10/569,230**

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For: **HYDROCARBON MATERIAL AND METHOD FOR PREPARATION
THEREOF**

Attorney Docket Number: **062137**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 3, 2008

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 15, 2008.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I (Claims 1-7) for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, and it is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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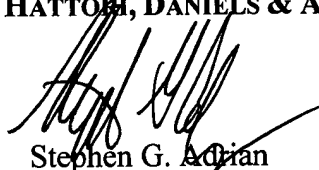
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Respectfully submitted,

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